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Inventive step

1. The invention as defined in at least Claims 1 and 14 is obvious in view of what has already been disclosed in the following documents:

JP090106925 A (MITSUBISHI) See PAJ and WPI abstracts accession No: 1997-286957[26]. This document discloses a paste with mixed binder and low boiling first solvent to which is added a second solvent with the first solvent removed from the mixture by heating. This document discloses all of the features of at least Claims 1 and 14 except for the point of addition of the organic binder.

JP050337911 A (FUJITSU) See WPI abstract accession No: 1994-031290 [04]. This document suggests that when preparing a green ceramic sheet paste it is advantageous to mix powder and solvent and subsequently add an organic binder.

2. The disclosure of FUJITSU could obviously be incorporated into the teachings of MITSUBISHI to arrive at the present process.

Clarity

3. The omnibus claims 16-18 are of uncertain scope since at least some of the drawings referred to relate to prior art.
4. A portion of the text of page 24 is obscured.

Description

5. You are reminded that the description, needs to be brought in line with any amended claims.
